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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON HILLTRIBE STERILIZATION ISSUE

REFERENCES: A. STATE 61930; B. BANGKOK 6001

1. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT TO THE DEPARTMENT/AID THAT THE ISSUE OF THE VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION PROGRAM AMONG THE AKHA TRIBE WILL PROBABLY PERSIST FOR SOME TIME. THE IGA INSPECTION TEAM WHICH RECENTLY CONDUCTED THE ROUTINE REVIEW OF THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN THAILAND, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH IT HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS PERTINENT TO THE PROGRAM AMONG THE AKHA, DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT IT ENGAGED IN A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE PROGRAM AS RELATES TO THE AKHA. ACCORDINGLY, THE IGA TEAM DOES NOT FEEL IT IS QUALIFIED TO CERTIFY FINDINGS THAT THE PROGRAM IN THE AKHA AREA

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HAS UNDERGONE AN OFFICIAL REVIEW. (THE IGA TEAM DOES NOT CONCLUDE, ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO IT, THAT ALLEGATIONS LEVELED AGAINST THE PROGRAM HAVE SUBSTANCE.,

2. PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FACTUAL BACKGROUND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STERILIZATION PROGRAM IN THE

AKHA REGION, FROM A BROAD SPECTRUM OF QUALIFIED SOURCES,

THE DEPARTMENT AND AID BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO REFRAIN FROM
USE OF PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B AND APPROVED IN
REF A. IN THE EVENT THAT THE MISSION IS ASKED FOR A
STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE, YOU SHOULD INDICATE: (A) MISSION
AND USG CONCERN FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE RAISED;
AND, (B) THAT THE MISSION IS ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF
DETERMINING ALL RELEVANT FACTS RELATED TO THE MATTER. YOU
MAY FURTHER INDICATE THAT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY
KNOWN, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS,
BUT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM IS NEVERTHELESS BEING
UNDERTAKEN.

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